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McNary pool levels to lower July 9

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – River levels on the upstream side of McNary Lock and Dam will begin lowering to 335 feet mean sea level July 9, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operations officials announced today.

Lake Wallula, the pool area of the Columbia River upstream of McNary Dam, near Umatilla, Ore., will be gradually lowered during July 9 through 11, then held at that level until 6 p.m. on July 16 when the operators will begin refilling the pool to its typical elevation. Lake Wallula's normal operating range is 335-340 feet MSL.

During this period, boaters, irrigators and other river users should be aware of the fluctuating pool level.

Boaters docked in this area should ensure their vessels are located in deep enough water to avoid damage during the minimum-operating-pool period.

The low-pool level is necessary to accommodate work being done on the barge slip at the Port of Benton. For reference, in June, the average forebay elevation at McNary was 338.50 feet mean sea level, said Walla Walla District navigation officials.

For more information, please call the Public Affairs Office at (509) 527-7020.

Public notices and other navigation lock information are available on the Walla Walla District Web site at: www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html.

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